



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5024

House of Representatives, March 24, 2010

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. RITTER of the 38th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING AN EDUCATION DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAM IN NURSING EDUCATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10a-149 of the 2010 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

4 In addition to other powers granted in the general statutes,
5 authority and responsibility for the operation of the state's public
6 institutions of higher education shall be vested in (1) the Board of
7 Trustees of The University of Connecticut which shall have exclusive
8 responsibility for programs leading to doctoral degrees and
9 postbaccalaureate professional degrees, with the exception of
10 education doctoral degree programs, (2) the Board of Trustees of the
11 Connecticut State University System which shall have special
12 responsibility for the preparation of personnel for the public schools of
13 the state including master's degree programs, education doctoral
14 degree programs, including an education doctoral degree program in

15 nursing education, and other graduate study in education, and
 16 authority for providing liberal arts and career programs at the
 17 bachelors, masters and sixth year level, (3) the Board of Trustees of the
 18 Community-Technical Colleges which shall have responsibility for
 19 providing programs, as enumerated in section 10a-80, leading, where
 20 appropriate, to an associate degree or occupational certificate and
 21 programs leading to the degree of associate in applied science and
 22 such other appropriate degrees or certificates as are approved by the
 23 Board of Governors of Higher Education and for such terminal
 24 vocational retraining and continuing education programs leading to
 25 occupational certificates as are appropriate, and (4) the Board for State
 26 Academic Awards which shall have responsibility for the award of
 27 external degrees and credits earned by examination and by other
 28 forms of validation and by evaluation of learning, including transfer of
 29 credit; provided the authority of the Boards of Trustees of The
 30 University of Connecticut, the Connecticut State University System
 31 and the Community-Technical Colleges to award degrees of the
 32 respective institutions shall not be affected.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2010	10a-149
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HED *Joint Favorable C/R*

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PH *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 11 \$	FY 12 \$
CT State Univ.	GF - See Below	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The Connecticut State University system can offer a doctoral degree in nursing education by reallocating existing resources from other areas with less demand, and sharing resources such as faculty, library holdings and facilities resulting in no cost to the state. The estimated initial cost of the program will require the reallocation of approximately \$100,000 in the resources noted above.

The Out Years

The program will require the reallocation of approximately \$200,000 in resources including faculty, library holdings and facilities at full implementation.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5024*****AN ACT CONCERNING AN EDUCATION DOCTORAL DEGREE
PROGRAM IN NURSING EDUCATION.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill specifically authorizes the Connecticut State University System (CSUS) to award doctoral degrees in nursing education. It expands the CSUS's degree-granting authority, which currently includes doctoral degrees in education; masters degrees and other graduate study in education; and liberal arts and career programs at the bachelors, masters, and sixth year level.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2010

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 19 Nay 0 (02/18/2010)

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 30 Nay 0 (03/10/2010)